

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTION IN PATNA  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware about pollution problems in Patna which causes many diseases to the people living there;
- (b) if so, whether NASA has also given warning and satellite picture which confirm Black Cloud centralized on Patna and other part of Gangetic plan; thereof;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has any plan to take care and tackle this environmental problem; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) Based on the analysis of satellite data captured by National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA), United States of America (USA), researchers have reported about winter-time pool of air polluting particles over the Indian subcontinent, particularly over Bihar. Pollution observed over Bihar does not solely originate from there, but could be due to transportation of pollution from western portions of the Ganges Valley. Additionally, the meteorology and topography surrounding Bihar favour trapping of pollution during winter. The pollution observed in Bihar during winter is also attributable to burning of bio-fuels and coal used during cooking and other domestic cores.

(c)&(d) The Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board have initiated steps including action plans to control air pollution from various sources like vehicles, industries, domestic fuel burning, etc.